Claims

What is claimed is:

- 1. A device for manufacturing an intravascular stent, comprising:
 a base having a first surface and a second surface;
 a laser cutting system attached to the first surface;
 a linear motor attached to the second surface; and
 a rotary motor coupled to the linear motor.
- 2. The device of claim 1, further comprising a workpiece coupled to the base.
- 3. The device of claim 2, further comprising one or more guides coupled to the workpiece.
- 4. The device of claim 2, wherein the workpiece is positioned below the linear motor.
- 5. The device of claim 2, further comprising a fluid that is passed onto or through the workpiece.
 - 6. The device of claim 1, wherein the base includes granite.
- 7. The device of claim 1, wherein the linear motor is configured to move a workpiece horizontally.

- 8. The device of claim 1, wherein the linear motor is upside-down.
- 9. The device of claim 1, wherein the laser cutting system includes a laser/water jet hybrid.
- 10. The device of claim 1, wherein the rotary motor is positioned below the linear motor.
- 11. The device of claim 1, wherein the laser cutting system is configured to transmit laser energy in the horizontal direction.
- 12. The device of claim 11, further comprising a tuning mirror that reflects the horizontally transmitted laser energy from the horizontal direction to the vertical direction.
 - 13. A device for cutting a stent from a tube, comprising:
 - a base member having a bottom surface;
- a first motor having a top surface and a bottom surface, the bottom surface of the first motor being attached to the bottom surface of the base member;
 - a laser cutting device attached to the base member;
 - a rotary motor attached to the first motor; and
 - a tubular workpiece connected to the rotary motor.

- 14. The device of claim 13, further comprising one or more guides coupled to the base member.
- 15. The device of claim 13, further comprising one or more guides coupled to a base portion of the first motor.
- 16. The device of claim 13, further comprising one or more guides coupled to an interface plate of the first motor.
- 17. The device of claim 13, further comprising a fluid that is passed onto or through the workpiece.
 - 18. The device of claim 13, wherein the base member includes granite.
- 19. The device of claim 13, wherein the first motor is configured to move a workpiece horizontally.
- 20. The device of claim 13, wherein the laser cutting system includes a laser/water jet hybrid.
- 21. The device of claim 13, wherein the rotary motor is positioned below the first motor.

- 22. The device of claim 13, wherein the workpiece is positioned below the first motor.
- 23. A method for manufacturing an intravascular stent; comprising the steps of:

providing a stent cutting device, the stent cutting device including a base, a laser cutting device attached to the base, a linear motor attached to the base, and a rotary motor coupled to the linear motor;

providing a tubular workpiece;

attaching the workpiece to the stent cutting device; and

transmitting laser energy from the laser cutting device to the tubular workpiece so as to cut the workpiece with the laser energy.

- 24. The method of claim 23, further comprising the step of directing fluid onto or through the workpiece.
 - 25. A device for manufacturing an intravascular stent, comprising:

a common base;

a laser attached to the common base;

one or more motors attached to the common base, wherein at least one of the one or more motors is up-side down; and

a tubular workpiece coupled to the one or more motors.

- 26. The device of claim 25, wherein the workpiece includes a radiopaque material.
 - 27. A device for manufacturing an intravascular stent, comprising:
 - a common base, the common base having a top surface and a bottom surface;
 - a laser attached to the top surface of the common base;
- a first motor attached to the bottom surface of the common base, the first motor being disposed in an up-side down configuration;
 - a second motor attached to the first motor; and
 - a tubular workpiece coupled to either the first motor or the second motor.